

## **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TAXICAB COMMISSION**

### **NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

The District of Columbia Taxicab Commission, pursuant to the authority set forth in Sections 8(c)(3),(5) and (19), and 13 of the District of Columbia Taxicab Commission Establishment Act of 1985 (“Act”), effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-97; D.C. Official Code §§ 50-307(c)(3), (5), (19), and 50-312 (2012 Repl. & 2013 Supp.)), hereby gives notice of its intent to adopt amendments to Chapters 6 (Taxicab Parts and Equipment) of Title 31 (Taxicabs and Public Vehicles for Hire) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR).

The proposed rules would: (1) update and clarify the data fields which must be captured by each modern taximeter system (“MTS”) and transmitted by the payment service provider (“PSP”) to the Commission’s taxicab information system (“TCIS”), to ensure that the Commission receives the trip data needed for research, passenger safety, investigation of public complaints, reconciliation with passenger surcharge deposits, and other lawful purposes under the Act; and (2) clarify the additional fields which must be captured by each MTS and transmitted by the PSP for trips provided by the taxicab companies approved to participate in the Coordinated Alternative Paratransit Service (“CAPS-DC”) pilot program under Chapter 18.

Directions for submitting comments may be found at the end of this notice. The Commission also hereby gives notice of the intent to take final rulemaking action to adopt these proposed rules in not less than thirty (30) days after the publication of this notice of proposed rulemaking in the *D.C. Register*.

**Chapter 6, TAXICAB PARTS AND EQUIPMENT, of Title 31, TAXICABS AND PUBLIC VEHICLES FOR HIRE, of the DCMR, is amended as follows:**

**Section 603, MODERN TAXIMETER SYSTEMS, is amended as follows.**

**Subsection 603.9 (c) is amended to read as follows:**

- (c) Transmit to the TCIS every twenty-four (24) hours via a single data feed consistent in structure across all PSPs, in a manner and format established by the Office, the following data:
  - (1) The operator’s DCTC operator’s license (face card) number;
  - (2) The vehicle’s PVIN;
  - (3) The vehicle’s tag (license plate) number;
  - (4) The vehicle’s vehicle identification Number (VIN);
  - (5) The name of the PSP;

- (6) The name and association of the vehicle owner and related information reported as follows:
  - (A) The word “independent” if the vehicle is owned by the operator and not associated with a taxicab association or with a fleet of a taxicab company;
  - (B) The name of the taxicab association or fleet if the vehicle is owned by the operator and associated with a taxicab association or with a fleet of a taxicab company; and
  - (C) The name of the taxicab company if the vehicle is owned by a company but leased to a driver.
- (7) The PSP-assigned tour of duty identification number;
- (8) The date and time when the operator completed the required login process pursuant to Subsection 603.9(a) at the beginning of the tour of duty;
- (9) The time (duration) and mileage of each trip;
- (10) The date and time of pickup and drop-off of each trip;
- (11) The address and/or geospatially-recorded place of pickup and drop-off of each trip;
- (12) The number of passengers;
- (13) The unique trip identification number assigned by the PSP;
- (14) The taximeter fare and an itemization of the rates and charges pursuant to § 801;
- (15) The form of payment (cash payment, cashless payment, voucher, or digital payment), the payment method, and, if a digital payment, the name of the DDS;
- (16) The date and time of logoff at the end of the tour of duty;
- (17) The date and time that the data transmission to the TCIS takes place;
- (18) The date on which the vehicle’s insurance policy expires;

- (19) The vehicle's odometer reading;
- (20) The vehicle's type of propulsion according to § 609;
- (21) The vehicle's taximeter brand and model;
- (22) An acknowledgment that the vehicle's MTS unit incorporates the safety equipment required by § 603.8(n) (3);
- (23) If applicable, all additional trip data required by the Office for a vehicle performing a trip in the Coordinated Alternative Paratransit Service ("CAPS-DC") pilot program under Chapter 18.

**Chapter 18, WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE PARATRANSIT TAXICAB SERVICE, of Title 31, TAXICABS AND PUBLIC VEHICLES FOR HIRE, of the DCMR, is amended as follows:**

**Section 1806, TAXICAB COMPANIES AND OPERATORS – OPERATING REQUIREMENTS, is amended as follows:**

**Subsection 1806.9, paragraph (b) (4) is amended to read as follows:**

- (4) Has an MTS unit which complies with § 603, including the reporting of any additional trip data for payment reconciliation and program compliance, in a manner and format directed by the Office, pursuant to § 603.9 (c)(23).

Copies of this proposed rulemaking can be obtained at [www.dcregs.dc.gov](http://www.dcregs.dc.gov) or by contacting Juanda Mixon, Secretary to the Commission, District of Columbia Taxicab Commission, 2041 Martin Luther King, Jr., Avenue, S.E., Suite 204, Washington, D.C. 20020. All persons desiring to file comments on the proposed rulemaking action should submit written comments via e-mail to [dctc@dc.gov](mailto:dctc@dc.gov) or by mail to the DC Taxicab Commission, 2041 Martin Luther King, Jr., Ave., S.E., Suite 204, Washington, DC 20020, Attn: Juanda Mixon, Secretary to the Commission, no later than thirty (30) days after the publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*.